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ANNUAL REPORTS

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AND

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Town of Atkinson

FOR THE

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Selectmen's Report.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$196,120 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	41,750 00
Number of horses, 140,	7,550 00
“ cows, 374,	9,917 00
“ neatstock, 73,	1,385 00
“ sheep 7,	28 00
“ oxen, 2,	100 00
“ mills,	1,600 00
“ polls 126,	12,600 00
Vehicles,	700 00
Stock in trade,	4,435 00
Money at interest,	28,715 00
Fowls,	20 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$303,920 00</u>

On which valuation the selectmen have assessed the following amounts at the rate of \$13.60 on \$1,000 00:

State tax,	\$548 25
County.	1,036 79
Highways,	903 48
Tuition of town scholars at Academy,	200 00
Amount required by law for schools,	645 00
Extra for schools,	200 00
Amount required by law for library,	38 70
Extra for library.	49 00
Town expenses,	450 00
Percentage,	62 09
Total tax,	<u>\$4,133 31</u>

The selectmen have given orders on Treasurer as follows:

SCHOOLS.

School board,	\$882 74	
School supplies,	104 30	
Herman N Dunham tuition bills,	200 00	
	-----	\$1,187 04

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Amount required by law,	\$88 70	
Extra by vote of town,	49 00	
	-----	\$87 70

CEMETERY.

George E. Wright,	\$51 80,
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HIGHWAYS.

John K. Mason,	101 16	
Welman W. Hatch,	92 00	
John H. Smith,	98 46	
Gideon Conley,	103 82	
James M. Nesmith,	100 60	
John Pettengill,	27 66	
Eugene E. Sawyer,	84 87	
John A. Hall,	77 50	
Charles C. Conley,	14 68	
	-----	\$695 75

SNOW BILLS.

Gideon D. Conley,	\$4 35
John K. Mason,	1 00

Eugene E. Sawyer,	\$1 00	
Charles C. Conley,	1 00	
John A. Hall,	8 09	
John H. Smith,	4 58	
	-----	\$20 02

BRIDGES.

John H. Smith,	\$ 6 88	
Eugene E. Sawyer,	9 57	
John A. Hall,	17 80	
Gideon D. Conley,	104 49	
Edson E. Peaslee, plank and timber,	33 22	
	-----	\$171 96

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wilber F. Wilson, care of hall,	\$ 3 50	
Chase Bros., printing town reports,	40 00	
John K. Mason, repairs on schoolhouse, No. 1,	2 75	
John K. Mason, laying culvert near W. M. Thomas,	5 00	
George E. Emerson, postage and stationery,	3 18	
Wilber F. Wilson, repairs on schoolhouse, No. 3,	1 00	
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering trough, 1900-1901,	6 00	
Samuel B. Mason, watering trough,	3 00	
Samuel B. Mason, postage and stationery,	1 50	
Samuel B. Mason, guide boards and labor,	1 50	
George A. Page housing road machine,	1 50	
George A. Page, stationery,	60	
J. W. Stickney, paid W. F. Wallace returning births and deaths,	1 75	
J. W. Stickney, stationery and expense to Exeter,	1 70	
Trustees of Atkinson Academy, rent,	30 00	
	-----	\$102 98

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Z. P. Chase,	\$1 65
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C. Kelso,	\$2 21	
E. M. Chesley over tax 1901,	6 80	
Heirs of Charles Carleton over tax 1901,	6 80	
<i>Levi Taylor poll tax</i>	1 36	
		\$18 82

AID FURNISHED SOLDIER'S WIDOW.

Sarah E. Kimball,	\$32 00
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TRANSIENT POOR.

George E. Wright, lodging transient poor,	\$6 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

John K. Mason, police,	\$4 50	
School board,	30 00	
George E. Emerson, selectman,	35 00	
Jay W. Stickney, "	35 00	
Elmer E. Conley, "	25 00	
George A. Page, town clerk,	15 00	
Samuel B. Mason, collector,	50 00	
Samuel B. Mason, district clerk,	1 00	
Gilman Greenough, town treasurer,	15 00	
Gilman Greenough, school treasurer,	5 00	
		\$215 50

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in collector's warrant,	\$4,133 31
Received from State Insurance tax,	7 50
Savings Bank tax,	156 15
railroad tax,	176 28
literary fund,	37 74

Received from Rockingham county for aid furnished		
Sarah E. Kimball, 1900-1901,	\$34 00	
Due from county on account of Sarah E. Kimball,	6 00	
Received from sale of cemetery lot,	10 00	
	-----	\$4,560 98

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

On account of schools,	\$1,187 04	
snow bills,	20 02	
highways,	695 75	
bridges,	171 96	
cemetery,	51 80	
public library,	87 70	
transient poor,	6 00	
aid furnished soldier's widow,	32 00	
miscellaneous expenses,	102 98	
abatement of taxes,	18 82	
town officers,	215 50	
county tax,	1,036 79	
state tax,	548 25	
	-----	\$4,174 61
Balance unexpended from receipts and appropriations for 1901,		\$386 37

Respectfully submitted,

JAY W. STICKNEY,	} Selectmen of Atkinson.
ELMER E. CONLEY,	
~~GEORGE E. EMERSON,~~	

Collector's Report.

The Collector charges himself with amount in warrant,	\$4,133 31
And credits himself as follows, viz:	
Receipts of Treasurer,	\$3,788 93
Discounts at 6 per cent,	182 14
Uncollected taxes,	162 24

All taxes unsettled March 29th will be advertised agreeable to state law.

S. B. MASON, Collector.

Town Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand, February 16, 1901,	\$677 97	
Received from state, railroad tax,	170 28	
Saving Bank tax,	156 15	
insurance tax,	7 50	
literary fund,	37 74	
county of Rockingham,	34 00	
selectmen for cemetery lot,	10 00	
town clerk for dog licenses,	106 30	
taxes of 1900,	174 53	
interest on same,	9 84	
taxes of 1901,	3,788 93	
		\$5,169 24

He credits himself as follows:

Paid state tax,	\$548 25	
county tax,	1,036 79	
selectmen's orders,	2,589 57	
School board balance dog tax of 1900,	86 00	
		\$4,260 61

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$908 63
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount due from taxes of 1901,	\$162 24	
county of Rockingham,	6 00	
Cash in treasury,	908 63	
Balance in favor of town,		\$1,076 87
GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer.		

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Continued

Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father #	Age of Mother #
Maud A. Bennett.....	White	Atkinson, N. H.	Dentist.....	England.....	Peabody, Mass....	37	27
Edine B. Russell.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Atkinson, N. H.	Haverhill, Mass..	33	31
Lillie J. Clark.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Atkinson, N. H.	Hampstead, N. H.	29	21
Mary Nancy Hall.....	"	"	Supt. Shoe Fac.....	Boston, Mass.....	Lynn, Mass.....	35	29
Ida Z. Quimby.....	"	"	Woodheel cut'r.....	Raymond, N. H.	Dorchester, N. H.	19	19
Susie N. Bickford.....	"	"	Laborer.....	Atkinson, N. H.	Brownfield, Me..	22	20
Kate Bremner.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Hampstead, N. H.	Glasgow, Scot....	27	27
Olive K. Chase.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Hampstead, N. H.	Salem, N. H.....	57	43
Edith M. Spears.....	"	Lawrence, Mass.	Laborer.....	England.....	Canada.....	27	24
Mabel F. Damon.....	"	Atkinson, N. H.	Painter.....	Lawrence, Mass.	Derry, N. H.....	25	19
Mary L. Emerson.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Atkinson, N. H.	Hampstead, N. H.	29	29
Margaret S. Drinkwater	"	"	Teacher.....	Freeport, Maine	Cumberland, Me..	40	40
Anna A. Crigstrom....	"	"	Farmer.....	Atkinson, N. H.	Elemburg, N. Y..	22	21

*At last birthday.

I herby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age of Each in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride
March 4	Lawrence, Mass.....	James P. Sway.....	Atkinson, N. H.	34	W	Farmer
		Maud E. Speirs.....	Lawrence, Mass.	25	W	"
September 18	Atkinson, N. H.	James S. Hodges.....	Atkinson, N. H.	26	W	At Home
		Annie F. Calderwood..	"	25	W	Farmer
November 7..	Atkinson, N. H.	David C. Foote.....	" " " "	42	W	Teacher
		Fannie May Dodd	Haverhill, Mass....	26	W	Teamster
December 31	Hampstead, N. H.	George E. Gates.....	Atkinson, N. H.	23	W	Housework
		Ellen Young	Hampstead, N. H.	18	W	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.
(Continued.)

Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	CONDITION: Whether single or widowed. What marriage- whether 1st, etc.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Per- son by whom married
Nottingham, N. H.	George W. Lucy	Nottingham, N. H.	Farmer	First	James Carlin, Clergy- man, Lawrence, Mass.
Cornwall, Ont., Can.	Josephine R. Locke	Epping, ...	Housewife	First	
Aylesford, N. S.	David N. Speirs	Scotland	Woolsorter	First	
Atkinson, N. H.	Jane N. Potter	Cornwall, Ont., Canada	Housewife	First	George H. Scott, Clergy- man, Atkinson, N. H.
Haverhill, Mass.	William H. Hodges	Nova Scotia	Farmer	First	
Wilmington, Vt.	Elizabeth Taylor	"	Housewife	First	
Stronare Mountain, N. S.	Charles V. Calderwood	Vinal Haven, Me.	Farmer	First	
Street Hill, N. S.	Julia A. Thomas	Searsmont, ...	Housewife	First	
	Samuel P. Foote	Haverhill, Mass.	Butcher	First	George H. Scott, Clergy- man, Atkinson, N. H.
	Eliza P. Clark	Atkinson, N. H.	Housewife	First	
	Leonard Dodd	England	Clergyman	First	
	Fannie A. Smith	Vermont	Housewife	First	
	John H. Gates	Farmington, N. S.	Farmer	First	
	Harriet A. Harris	Margaretville, N. S.	Housewife	First	
	Robert Young	Pleasant Hills, N. S.	Farmer	First	A. B. Howard, Clergy- man, Danville, N. H.
	Margaret A. Crow	Partique, N. S.	Housewife	First	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, TOWN CLERK.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	AGE			Place of Birth	SEX AND CONDITION				Occupation
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days		Male	Female	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	
Jan. 17	Atkinson	Lena F. Calef	20		26	Haverhill, Mass.	M	F	W	Single	Clerk
Feb. 23	"	— Stansfield				Atkinson, N. H.	M	F	"	"	"
April 3	"	Electa M. Carlton	71	3	18	Chelmsford, Mass	M	F	"	Single	"
April 19	"	John C. Wheeler	28	10	5	Corrine, Me.	M	F	"	Married	Laborer
May 13	"	Morris J. Beede				Woodsville, N. H.	M	F	"	"	"
July 23	"	Frank E. Emerson	43	6	27	Bridgton, Me.	M	F	"	Single	Car'ge Painter
Sept. 10	"	Enoch P. Hoitt	76	6	29	Northwood, N. H.	M	F	"	Married	Farmer
Nov. 2	"	Sarah W. Wheeler	96	8	17	Salem, N. H.	F	F	"	Widowed	Housewife
Dec. 18	"	Harriett W. Fernald	75	6	19	Dunbarton, N. H.	F	F	"	Widowed	Housewife

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Continued

PLACE OF BIRTH		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death	Occupation of Father*
Father	Mother				
Boscowen, N. H.	Groveland, Mass.	Moses G. Calef	Lillie B. Pemberton	Membraneous Croup	Grocer.
England	Peabody, Mass.	Howarth Stansfield	Maud A. Bennett	Stillborn	Dentist
Lowell, Mass.	Hudson, N. H.	David Carlton	Sarah Pollard	Chronic Heart Dis.	Farmer
Dexter, Me.	Eastport, Me.	Moses L. Wheeler	Lydia M. Lincoln	Typhoid Pneumonia	"
Northwood, N. H.	N. Woodstock, N. H.	William A. Beede	Annie B. Howland	Lung Fever	"
Bridgton, Me.	Saco, Me.	Asa I. Emerson	Sarah F. Goldwaite	Apoplexy	"
Northwood, N. H.	Epping, N. H.	John H. Hoitt	Lydia Cook	Typhoid Pneumonia	"
Atkinson, N. H.	Haverhill	Stephen Webster	Anna Woodman	Fracture of Thigh and Old Age	"
Salem, N. H.	Salem	David A. Wheeler	Sarah Woodman	Valv. Dis. of Heart, Chr. Int. Heph. Cardiac Failure	"

*If deceased was under 15 years of age.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD.

It is unnecessary to mention our schools in detail, but in preparing this report it has been our purpose to give a clear representation of what our schools have been doing and we can justly summarize by saying that their moral tone has never been higher; the discipline has never been better, and the general improvement in all the studies has never been more marked than during the past year.

No. 5 was united with No. 3 during the fall term as there were only three scholars. We have given much thought to the matter of combining small schools, but are not wholly satisfied with the plan. And mothers object, and justly we think, to having their small children taken far from home all day.

Let us remember with Kate Douglass Wiggin as she so beautifully expresses the thought in the book on "Children's Rights": "A mother has a sacred claim on the world; even if that claim rest solely on the fact of her motherhood, and not, alas, on any other. Her life may be a cipher; but when the child comes, God writes a figure before it and gives it value." Consequently we think every mother should have a chance to say, keep our rural schools, as they are the very best things for our little ones, morally, mentally, and physically. They are equal to private schools, as we have had, and can have, as good teachers as there are in the state. Our last year's teachers consisted of three college learned; two Normal trained, and a High school graduate. Now, if the town would appropriate just a little more money, so as to have about ten weeks in winter, or enough to make thirty-four weeks for the year, I think everyone would feel that our schools are just what they ought to be. We should encourage the personal visiting of schools on the part of the parent, and those interested and also, when it is possible, that the teacher visit the homes. There are times, how-

ever, when the teacher does not receive the most hearty sympathy and co-operation from the parent; how sad, if this is the case, as the child is really the principal sufferer.

This being true it is the duty of parents to place themselves in touch with the teacher, so as to give her in her arduous duties, the heartiest sympathy, and seek to know and intelligently appreciate her aims and methods, so that they may be a source of comfort to the ever-active, tireless little individual called "teacher."

As there are two to be chosen on the school board this year, I would like to say that we do not deem it necessary for them all to be school men or liberally educated men. It is far more important that these men possess good judgment and sound common sense, as they are to serve with so small pay; suitable men will not seek the office but they will consent to serve because of their deep interest in education, and especially because of their interest in the prosperity of the rural schools.

Now, fellow citizens, if you are wise in your selections and succeed in selecting thoughtful, liberal minded men, who have shown good judgment in the management of their own business, your schools will undoubtedly be raised to a higher level of efficiency.

MARY L. WHEELER,
HERBERT N. SAWYER, } School Board.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy:

One Term—Fred Smith, Mildred Emerson, Pansy Smith, Myra Wright, John W. Cummings, Ethel A. Damon.

Two Terms—Nettie G. Adams, Maud Smith, Arthur H. Sawyer, Clifford A. Sawyer.

School Treasurer's Report.

The school district treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand February 16, 1901,	\$114 97
Amount of school tax required by law,	645 00
Extra school money voted by town,	200 00
Literary fund,	37 74
Balance of dog licenses of 1900,	86 00
	\$1,083 71

He credits himself as follows:

Paid Ora L. Ordway, teaching school, No. 1,	180 60
E. L. Tuxbury, " No. 2,	84 00
O. M. Stanwood, " No. 2,	93 00
F. M. Steadman, " No. 3,	96 00
M. J. La Bonta, " No. 3,	112 00
L. E. Marble, " No. 4,	182 00
Alice M. George, " No. 5,	84 00
Cyrus F. Noyes, wood, No. 1, 1900,	3 50
George D. Damon, conveyance, 1900,	6 25
A. G. Chute, fires, No. 3, 1900,	2 00
A. Clevesy, cleaning school houses, Nos. 1 and 3,	2 00
Mabel Russell, care and fires, No. 5, 1900,	6 00
M. L. Wheeler, for wood, etc., No. 2,	5 13
L. Seeley, cleaning school house, No. 1,	2 50
M. J. La Bonta, care, etc, school house, No. 3,	3 50
John A. Hall, for conveyance,	24 00
H. N. Sawyer, for wood, No. 4,	5 00
M. L. Wheeler, for wood, No. 2,	4 00
M. L. Wheeler, for care of school house,	2 00
W. M. Cragin, for wood, No. 3,	4 50
George E. Emerson, for wood, No. 1,	2 50
W. F. Wilson, sawing wood and care No. 3,	3 70
Albert Little, wood for No. 5,	6 00
	\$919 18
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	
	\$164 53

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

School	Teacher	No. of Weeks	Pay Per Week	No. of Pupils Registered	Average Attendance	No. Visits by School Board	No. Visits by Citizens	Instances Tardiness	Dismissals
District No. 1	Ora L. Ordway . . . s	12	\$7	13	10	5	31	25	29
	Ora L. Ordway . . . f	14	7	16	11	7	34	8	2
District No. 2	E. Louise Tuxbury . . s	12	7	11	7	5	9	2	0
	Carolyn M. Stanwood f	14	7	11	6	4	33	57	10
District No. 3	Floretta M. Steadman s	12	8	18	13	5	19	6	5
	Mattie J. La Bonta . . f	14	8	18	14	5	13	0	34
District No. 4	L. Edna Marble . . . s	12	7	11	10	3	14	12	3
	L. Edna Marble . . . f	14	7	13	10	3	3	30	0
District No. 5	Alice M. George . . . s	12	7	7	6	3	9	22	1

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library.

The trustees of the Public Library herewith present their report for the year ending February 15, 1902:

In accordance with the advice of the town auditor of 1900, this report will be as brief as the circumstances will admit.

The Librarian informs us that books have been donated to the library by the following persons: William C. Todd, Harriet E. Noyes, Frank W. Rollins, Joseph Kimball, Frank E. Steele, Mary A. Page, Eugene E. Sawyer, W. W. Hatch and the Atkinson Reading Club, for which the trustees return to the above named donors their heartfelt thanks.

The work of Mr. Todd containing sketches of some of the early residents of this town is of more than ordinary value, and ought to be read by all who are interested in the men who, in the language of the immortal author of our Declaration of Independence pledged their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to maintain and defend the principles that were so clearly and concisely set forth in that remarkable production. We, who are now enjoying the fruits of their labor in comparative ease and tranquility, can at the best have but a faint conception of the trials and privations endured by them during the long period of the Revolutionary war, beginning on the soil of our own state December 13, 1774, and ending with the siege of Yorktown in 1781.

Following is a list of the books added to the library during the past year:

A Book for all Readers,
Black Rock,
Biographical and other articles,
Century, 2 vols.

A. R. Spofford
Ralph Connor
William C. Todd

Dictionary of Dates,	G. P. Putnam
Eben Holden,	Irving Bacheller
Europe, Past and Present,	F. H. Ungewitter
History of Hampstead,	H. E. Noyes
Harper's, 2 vols.	
Jukes Edwards,	A. E. Winship
New England, 3 vols.	
Old Home Week Addresses,	Gov. F. W. Rollins
Quincy Adams Sawyer.	Charles F. Pidgin
Review of Reviews, 2 vols.	
Scribner's, 2 vols.	
The Useful Arts,	T. Antisell, M. D.
Tales of our Coast.	S. R. Crockett
The Siege in Peking,	W. A. P. Martin

GILMAN GREENOUGH, }
 EUGENE E. SAWYER, } Trustees.
 GEORGE P. DOW, }

Library Treasurer's Report.

The Library treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand February 16, 1901.	\$23 49	
received from town,	87 70	
	-----	\$111 19

He credits himself as follows:

Paid for card pockets, 1900,	2 00	
postage and express, 1900,	73	
F. J. Barnard, binding magazines,	13 27	
DeWolfe Fiske & Co., for books,	2 00	
services of librarian,	50 00	
	-----	\$68 00

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	43 19
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There is a bill due for binding magazines which when paid will make the balance in hands of Treasurer about \$30.

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

Atkinson, N. H., February 24, 1902.

The Auditor has looked over the accounts of the Selectmen, Collector, Treasurer, Library Trustees, and also the Town Clerk's report, and finds them correct.

GEORGE P. DOW, Auditor.

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